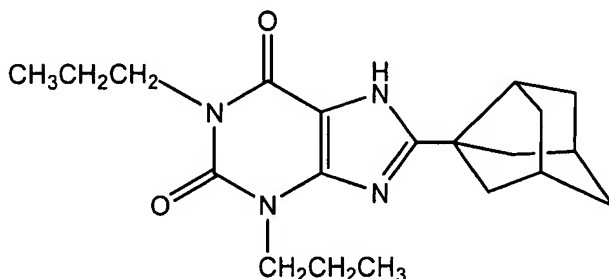


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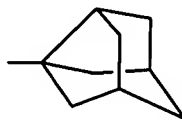
Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Applicants previously added Claims 26-34. The amendments to the claims add no new matter and are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Support for new Claims 26-34 can be found, for example, in paragraphs [0023]-[0030], and elsewhere throughout the specification.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims directed to Group II: methods for treating a cardiovascular disease comprising administration of an AA₁RA and a beta blocker. Applicants also elect heart failure as a species of cardiovascular disease, KW-3902 as a species of AA₁RA, and acebutolol as a species of beta blocker. Claims that read on this species include Claims 10-13, and new Claims 26-34. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §809.02(a), Applicants understand that upon a finding that the generic claim is allowable, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the generic claims.

Applicants note that KW-3902 has the following structure:



Accordingly, KW-3902 is a species of Formula (I) wherein R1 = CH₃CH₂CH₂; R2 =



CH₃CH₂CH₂; R3 = H, X1 = O; X2 = O; and Q =

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment and has reiterated the group elected for examination, the single disclosed specie of cardiovascular disease elected for examination on the merits, the single disclosed specie of AA₁RA

compound elected for examination on the merits, and the single disclosed specie of beta-blocker compound elected for examination on the merits. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issue require clarification, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to resolve such issues promptly.

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